

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are pending in the Application and are now presented for examination. Claim 21 has been amended. No new matter has been added. Claims 1, 13 and 19 are independent.

Applicants note that this Amendment is being filed solely to reduce the issues on Appeal. Applicants will be filing an Appeal Brief in support of their Notice of Appeal filed October 12, 2009, to address the substantive rejections of Claims 1-29 under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103.

Patentability under 35 USC §112

On page 2 of the Office Action, Claim 21 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicants thank the Examiner for pointing out that Claim 21 should be dependent upon Claim 20 rather than Claim 19. Applicants herewith correct this typographical error by amending Claim 21 to now correctly depend from Claim 20. Applicants respectfully assert that the rejection to Claim 21 under 35 U.S.C. §112 has been obviated and request that the rejection to this claim be withdrawn.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned to discuss any matter that would expedite allowance of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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